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FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

DEAR KEVIN,

Just a line to let you know that all goes well. I hope that God's grace reigns in your heart. We are looking forward to having you be here in the next couple of weeks. Let us know a few days in advance about your arrival. How we will get you here from the airport I haven't quite figured out yet. I have thought of borrowing Father Brackett's car ~~during~~ it as well as the scout but Fr. doesn't have any liability insurance on his car & I could be afraid of endangering the finances of the order by driving it. Am I insured if I drive another's car?

At the end of Dec. after your visit we have to go to Nogales (or Tiguan if you feel there is a necessity for us to go there, but it is much farther) to renew our visas and the permit for the car. Before that time we have to get new tires for the car. The tread is worn off & we have to get one or two of the tires replaced each time we take them out. What is needed is 6 ply of the road tires for the rear. Here in Navajon that will cost at least \$2000. I would like to wait till we get to the U.S. to buy them but I'm afraid to run the car that distance on them. The roads that we go over even here in the barrios of Alamos necessitate off the road tires. So when you come down please bring funds for them because I don't think we will have the money at that time. As of now we run from month to month with little left over. I suggest that for emergencies such as this there should be a \$300.00 cushion as Joe Ocampos suggested.



The men are all well & advancing in virtue & recollection. The ceremony with the Bishop went well. The habits are light weight but soil very easily. If we are too wear them consistently <sup>which</sup> I suggest, we will need another habit each of a heavier grade material, perhaps something like Charles's habit. I assumed that 4 habits like that would cost about 100-120.00 for all four. Again with the blue sash, after I again told the Bishop Father's wish he still feels that if we wear it we will be mocked because we will be wearing an artist's garb only to women. I have no care over the matter nor do any of the men but the Bishop seems so fed seriously about this matter & suggest perhaps a white sash (or gold?). There seems to be no objection to the medallion.

Also the Bishop brought up again the matter of the sale. I told him of Joe O'Connors letter which is not a contract. He I think plans to agree to terms sign & ~~notarize~~ <sup>notarize</sup> the letter so as to bind himself. He also is agreeable to appearing at the benefits once a year but named no date. He was suggesting to me that the purchase of the property would give security to the congregation.

David has been concerned that we inform ourselves as to the nature of the religious life. So if there is any particular book or material Fr. would wish us to cover in that let us know or bring it down.

Be sure to bring <sup>the</sup> tape recorder in the shed as we will need it.

Oh yes something quite disturbing has happened. This past Saturday about 50-100 children and some grownups invaded the garden and took just